

## Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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## Excise Police Cite 5 Bars, Issue 9 Tickets During Harvest Homecoming

**NEW ALBANY, Ind.** – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited five bars and issued nine tickets Friday during New Albany's annual Harvest Homecoming. One bar was cited twice Friday for the same violation, with the second citation less than four hours later.

Hitching Post Tavern, 115 W. Market Street, was cited at 8 p.m. for allowing a minor to loiter, sale of alcohol to a minor and for selling carryout alcohol in non-original containers. At 11:15 p.m., officers issued a second violation when they noticed the bar was continuing to sell carryout alcohol in non-original containers.

Four other bars were cited for a variety of offenses.

Speakeasy, 225 State Street, was cited for seven violations, after having already been cited for one of them during an inspection last month. Speakeasy was again cited for altering floor plans without approval. The bar was also cited for allowing carry-out of alcohol, employing unlicensed server, not maintaining permit records, purchasing liquor from another retailer, purchasing beer from another retailer and purchasing wine from another retailer.

Studio's, 207 & 209 E. Main Street, was cited for employing unlicensed server, not maintaining permit records, altering floor plans without approval, allowing carry-out of alcohol, dispensing alcohol off-premises and having a bar on the patio.

Windsor Restaurant and Gardens, 148 E. Market Street, was cited for allowing a minor to loiter, altering floor plans without approval, allowing carryout of alcohol and having a bar on the patio.

Conner's Place, 134 E. Market Street, was cited for not having food service available.

Excise officers also issued nine tickets Friday for alcohol- and tobacco-related offenses:

- Four minors were cited for illegal possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages.
- Three minors were cited for being in a tavern.
- One minor was charged with possession of false ID.
- One juvenile was issued a ticket for possession of tobacco.

In addition to enforcement, excise officers also offer free training programs for alcohol and tobacco businesses. The next server-training program will be held at Tumbleweed Southwest Grill, 718 Highlander Pointe Drive in Floyds Knobs, at 10 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 20. More information is available at <a href="https://www.in.gov/atc/isep">www.in.gov/atc/isep</a>.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers are empowered to enforce any state law, they primarily focus on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.